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Another 2 months fly by and I must start this edition with an apology. For those of you that noticed, the last issue should have been the May / June edition and not the June / July as I printed on 80% of the magazines and realised the error AFTER I had printed all 40 copies. Just like the last issue, this issue is packed to almost breaking point with UFOlogical news. I often find it very difficult, as some issues I have to leave items out and carry them over to the next issue, or not put them in at all.

We have had some unusual happenings within the group and you will see from Ernie Sears article, things got really spooky at our last group meeting with audio tapes just 'disappearing' into thin air!!! Also, the group is looking at producing its own collar type badge, free to all members as really a thank you for all of your support etc. Also, you can wear it with pride when you are going to other UFOlogical events etc and feel part of the group whether you live in Ireland, Scotland, Wales or anywhere around the world.

August sees the passing of Phil Klass UFO Debunker / Sceptic and the man who

offered \$10,000 to anyone that could provide him with evidence and positive proof of the existence of UFO's. It seems that he has taken the cheque with him...



**Why the UFO
hunters are
calling it a day**

Don't Worry folks... It's not
SUFOG. See Newspaper Reviews...

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UFO Reports from Hampshire... But who forgot to tell SUFOG?

Have just got your names from the WWW as I know from past experience the UK government are not interested.

I live in an area called Locksheath, in Southern Hampshire post/zip code SO31 UK. At about 16.00 hours BST (half past four this afternoon) on Wednesday, 22 June 2005 I looked up because I heard the annoying sound of a light aeroplane that wasn't very high, as usual in this area, but didn't think too much of it but as I looked at it I could see that much much higher beyond it there was a round shiny ball/disc/object that looked just like a star or a balloon but it was far too high to have been a balloon or aeroplane because it was not moving. I went to my neighbour to get him to witness what I was seeing (as I have seen a few UFO's in the past). He and I saw it but it was moving very very slowly. I took my digital camera with me and tried to get a couple of photos of it but I can't see anything on them as it was just a tiny thing that looked just like a star at night. I came back to my house (2 houses up from him) to see if I could see it through my 700mm dual terrestrial/astronomical telescope which is always set up in my shed. However within the two minutes it took me to run the two houses and into the shed where my telescope is (which was unlocked) it had gone.

Here it is very hot and sunny and it doesn't get dark until around 10pm (22.00 hours) because the longest day was just 2 days ago?

I phoned my local BBC TV station to enquire if they had received any reports of such sightings, they hadn't.

I was wondering if anyone else in the UK had reported this?

Or does anyone think it may have been the disabled Russian Cosmos-1 satellite?

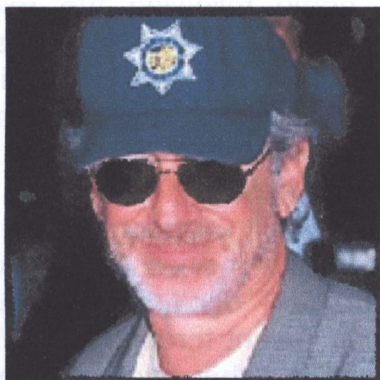
Sighting Number 2...

At approximately 00:50 hours on the morning of Saturday, June 18th 2005, I (Jonathan Bluestone) of the village of Fair Oak, Eastleigh, Hampshire, and two colleagues, who I am only permitted to describe as Dave and Annie were standing outside of their home close to the village centre of Fair Oak, and involved in sky watching while idly discussing the stars and the activities and modus operandi of UFOs, when after mentioning to them three minutes earlier that "sometimes, if you ask to see an object ... they sometimes comply," such an object did in fact appear - or seemed to appear as if on request.

The object appeared in sky, almost overhead, but clearly several miles up. I'm estimating three or more as it is difficult to estimate as the sky was very dark and no point of reference other than the sky was available. It came in from the south-southwest, initially appearing as a brilliant and fast moving light source, I estimate as being about two millimetres in diameter as if judged by reaching out and pointing to it with my outstretched hand and finger (I am five feet, three inches tall for the record). It should be noted that we are familiar with astronomical, atmospheric and satellite activity here, and that particular night the sky was exceptionally clear and dotted with stars. Within a second or two of making its appearance, the object suddenly bloomed brilliantly into a white point of light five times the brilliance of the brightest star (and to an estimated size of around four millimetres) and then after approximately half a second (having apparently gotten our attention) it dulled down considerably but remained in motion, on the same course and at the same speed. At no time did it display any evidence of being an aircraft either in motion, speed or lights. It then seemed to dull out completely and stop and take up position in the sky close to Orion's second star in the Belt of Orion where it seems to have remained for the remainder of the fifteen minute observation of the witnesses. The incident was terminated when we went inside. In the actual event, if the object, if indeed it was a UFO, was in sight for a grand total of between three to seven seconds before becoming lost in the star-field overhead.

Both witnesses, who have a casual interest in the UFO phenomenon, but no serious technical background in it were wildly impressed by the sighting and announced to me that they had never seen an aircraft perform like that. They were also impressed by the fact that following the incident, we saw not only a passing satellite - clearly cutting across the heavens - and a meteorite entering the atmosphere and burning up. Both objects performed as you would expect, and did not reflect any aspect of the fast moving light source which we witnesses. This drove home the unearthly quality of the sighting to the "newbies" who were my additional witnesses. I was highly impressed, it was almost as if my comments about "asking to see something," were being acted upon, although this should be considered merely speculation.

SPIELBERG CONFUSED BY DECREASE IN UFO SIGHTINGS



Oscar-winning director STEVEN SPIELBERG is baffled that fewer UFO sightings are made now than were made twenty years ago - because the technology to record would-be aliens is so commonplace today.

The 59-year-old film-maker has made a string of alien-themed movies - CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND, ET: THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL and WAR OF THE WORLDS - and is disappointed it seems he'll never get the chance to see evidence of a UFO himself.

Spielberg says, "There are millions of

video cameras out there and they're picking up less videos of UFOs, alleged UFOs, than we picked up in the 1970s and 1980s. There's 150 per cent more cameras, so why are we getting less from up there?

I think that we all know that we're not alone in the universe. I can't imagine that we are the only intelligent biological life form out there. I'm a little less sure in my fifties that I was in my late twenties whether we're actually ever going to find out."

28/06/2005

Letter to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

I have recently returned from a 'LAPIS' conference at 'St Annes-on-sea' last weekend, a very interesting conference I've also been to 2 other organised by Sam & Jean of 'PROBE' at the same venue. They are the first conferences I've been able to attend due to work commitments. Now I am retired it's much easier. I would have liked to have gone to the conference's in LEEDS, Graham Birdsall used to have such a lot of enthusiasm and its that large ingredient that is now missing in the UFO community (small though it might be in the U.K.)... NOW!!! They are a very friendly bunch at conferences and information abounds. I have made a lot of good friends and this last week-end I was given your Oct 2004 magazine which is my point of writing. In answer to your first page comment in which I agree wholeheartedly. Since UFO Magazine and Graham died, everything else seems to have died. Also his magazine was always so interesting and full of so much info month-in, month-out, and it was available to anyone that went into a newsagent for a paper. I don't remember one magazine where he wasn't flying off somewhere to report on a sighting or a conference. His work-load must have been phenomenal... This is one of the reasons for UFOlogies downfall here in the U.K. the information is not getting out to the general population. OK, it maybe on the 'Internet' but the only people that view it are those that know about it? So it goes around in circles, and in the end informing no one!!!

Here and now in the 21st century, it is becoming very important to get the knowledge out to everyone and to stop burying their heads in the sand. Remove those blinkers, and open their minds to the vast universe we live in and to realise we are not the only beings (intelligent or otherwise) in the 'Cosmos', and at this present moment in time I put more emphasis on the 'otherwise' than the 'intelligent'. What with Global warming being a serious threat, and no-one being over enthusiastic about a cure!!!... and we seem to forget the Earth is not ours alone but it is rented accommodation and we are just tenants and not very good ones at that!!! We don't keep it well maintained, and we don't really 'give-a-toss' about our next door neighbours who are dying of hunger, 'AIDS' and Poverty in their millions!!!!

Public awareness and public opinion are the only tools we have to make governments wake-up and do something. They have kept us in the dark for well over 60 years. Time has now run out. We can't wait another 60 years... This information should be made public... They do know what's going on and 'OF NO DEFENCE SIGNIFICANCE' doesn't was anymore.... What I think needs to be done is :

1. Everyone that wants to see the truth about UFOs out in Open-Forum should write to their MP's.
2. All individual groups should come under one umbrella and have one voice (now that we have lost 'THE LORD HILL NORTON' we need someone in parliament)... not much chance there then!!!
3. We also need another magazine on the new stands... and...
4. A UK 'DISCLOSURE PROJECT' like in the U.S.

I'm sure there's enough of us enthusiastic enough to make a difference to all of these points. Lets pick ourselves up and start again.... The interest is still there, but the enthusiasm needs a kick up the backside !!!!!

Name and address supplied
SUFOG Member

(SUFOG Editor... Nice to hear from a reader that is thinking the way that I do... Is there anyone out there who wants to add to this....)

Sighting from the past...

The Mississippi Press - Pascagoula, Mississippi Sunday, July 03, 2005

Local man says UFO experience is one he will never get over... UFOs. Real or imaginary?

There's the Hollywood version and then there's Charles Hickson of Gautier.

Hickson and fishing partner, Calvin Parker, were near a pier at Shaupeater Shipyard in Pascagoula on the evening of Oct. 11, 1973, when they reported being abducted by robot-like aliens and taken aboard an egg-shaped, glowing spacecraft.

Their account of that night is the type stuff movies should be made of.

They spoke of floating creatures and being examined by an electronic eye, within an approximate 20-minute time frame. Hickson remained conscious but could only move his eyes. Parker fainted.

Hickson was recently interviewed at his Gautier home following the release of War of the Worlds, a present-day re-telling of H.G. Wells' classic, sci-fi adventure thriller that reveals the extraordinary battle for the future of humankind through the eyes of one American family fighting to survive it.

"Some of the movies they make now I watch, some I don't. They're not what Calvin and I went through with. They are make-believe. What happened to us is a natural fact," Hickson said. "I notice here lately, they've been having a lot of UFO programs on the History Channel."

Hollywood touts several variations of alien-life. Hickson, at 74, has not deviated from accounts he has given to local police, government investigators, television commentators such as Dick Cavett and Johnny Carson, or anyone else who has asked.

Under hypnosis, he recalled seeing human-like beings aboard the craft.

"Evidently they couldn't live in our atmosphere and had the robots come out and handle us," he said. Hickson believes the aliens will return.

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"They are still having UFO sightings around the world," he said. "I still get letters from people all over the whole world who tell me things they went through. Some of them won't talk to anybody else about it."

The fear, sleepless nights, inability to eat, afraid of the outdoors - emanating from that night - are long gone and in some ways, so has the close relationship shared with Parker.

"They didn't do me any physical harm. They give me a bad fright. They gave Calvin a heck of a fright. In fact, I don't think he will ever get over it," Hickson said. Parker, then 19, left Jackson County.

"I don't know what the answer is. I may never find an answer during my lifetime. Everybody has to have their own beliefs. I think some day in the near future, people will know there are other worlds with life on them because we are going farther and farther with space exploration. We've got probes around Mars and Jupiter," he said.

Over the years, Hickson has received letters from others who said they, too, saw the craft that night. "They didn't want to be ridiculed," he said.

Mike Cataldo, a retired Navy chief petty officer now living in Florida, contacted The Mississippi Press a couple of years ago.

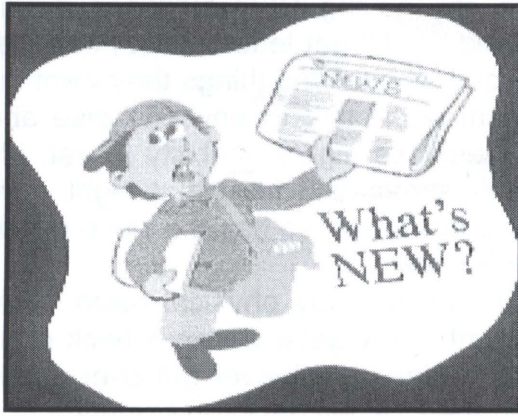
"We saw it, no question about it. We talked about it. Was it a shooting star, a meteorite? This was very different," he said. "As quickly as we saw it, it just vanished."

Hickson has since published a book of the account, UFO: Contact At Pascagoula. The \$15 hardback can be purchased by calling Hickson at 228-497-4753.

"Everywhere I go and I've been to many big colleges and universities all over the country and they've never ridiculed me at all. They've been very interested. They want to ask questions. They are eager to learn. I think they realize some day they will have to cope with that. It's something I will never get over," he said.

A year ago, Hickson lost his wife, Blanche. They celebrated 50 years of marriage prior to her death. Back surgery keeps him from travelling a lot but he still keeps in touch through e-mail, television, phone and postal service.

"I think there are many, many worlds out there. Some with life on it. God didn't only create this little earth. He created this universe and I don't know how many beyond this. They say that it's still expanding so I guess there's no end to it out there, I suppose," he said.



UK UFO Reports...

LONDON -- A very bright silver, oval type disk was observed going very fast through the sky, when it suddenly turned and disappeared into the clouds on May 31, 2005, at 7:45 PM. I saw this straight ahead of me, flying straight and low, then a quick turn and it disappeared.

DONCASTER, SOUTH YORKSHIRE - The witness was watching a movie on May 31, 2005, at 1:20 AM, when he heard a sound outside, so he pulled the curtain across to have a look because our area has had a number of break-ins and to my absolute shock there was this bright red light in the middle of the sky hovering above the houses with a bright light moving around it in the middle. It stayed in the same spot for three to four minutes. Then, it did kind of a small circular motion and took off in the other direction at high speed, too fast to be a helicopter. It flashed an orangey colour for a second. I ran upstairs to wake everyone up and my mother finally got out of bed and came to have a look too, by the time she got there it was taking off over in the far distance but she did see the 'craft' moving and agreed it was too fast for a helicopter. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

GUERNSEY -The observer was looking out of his roof window and noticed a silver colored object in the sky on May 30, 2005, at 7 PM. The object was travelling at some speed and was not omitting any jet stream or noise. It was difficult in seeing the exact shape of this craft because of its distance; however, it was not the shape of a conventional jet aircraft that would be flying at that height. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.ufocenter.com

Poole, Dorset - On Sunday, June 26, 2005, the eyewitness, Mr. Fosdike, was at his home in Lytchett Matravers, Poole, Dorset, UK, "sitting and watching the climax of a film on television at midnight, and I heard the extremely loud rumble of an engine near my home. I opened my blinds and saw the extremely large low-flying object heading extremely fast through the sky. It covered my garden, went through the trees and turned northwest. It was flashing two white lights and was alternating between a red and blue one as it flew." "It disappeared from view behind some leaves before reappearing roughly five minutes later. I sat and waited for the UFO to return, and it did at about 12:35 a.m. It flew across the sky at a very high altitude before disappearing out of my view southeastwards. I would say it was large, at least 20 metres (66 feet) across. Its approach speed was 150 miles per hour, and its departure speed was 250 miles per hour."

Hampshire Sighting...

I live in Fleet Hampshire, last night around 18.45 saw a large silver object travel from North to South above one aircraft on departure from LHR and below another aircraft in cruise . This object or craft which we believed to be an aircraft was very large and luminescent . Having called my daughter who also works in aviation we concluded we had never seen anything like this before.

We followed this craft? through binoculars it made a very abrupt 90 deg turn to the west and disappeared at speed. This was not an aircraft or a helicopter due to the absence of wings and the speed which it crossed the sky line and it had no position lights or beacons illuminated...

I would be interested if anyone else saw this happening.

Date Published: Thursday 30 June 2005

War of the swirls

Marlborough Gazette & Herald

A MARLBOROUGH man has seen mysterious objects making a pattern in a wheat field near Lockeridge.

Marlborough-based artist and songwriter Mike Booth took photographs of the tramline markings he saw appearing in a field of wheat with three white metallic objects actually making them.

Mr Booth is a keen cyclist who regularly uses the lanes in the Kennet Valley, in particular the Alton Barnes road from Lockeridge.

On Tuesday last week at 6.30pm he was cycling past a field just below West Woods when he noticed three moving white metallic objects suspended above the crop, so that the tops of the wheat were bent over.

He said: "I stopped instantly to concentrate on what I was looking at, such was my surprise. The three objects or craft were like nothing I have ever seen before.

"They were of a white metallic colour, somewhat oblong in width and length and domed on the upper surface with smooth contours and no edges."

He said two of the objects were moving slowly through the wheat and down the slope of the field leaving a trail behind them.

"The size must have been about four feet across and five or six feet in length, with about two to three feet showing above the crop.

"All three objects looked as if they had some form of purpose. I sat there on my bike and considered the possibilities - scientific crop research, spraying equipment, people playing around.

"No, none of it. No farmer would break the wheat down where there were already tractor tracks through the crop for them to operate in."

He said he was given the feeling that the objects were aware of his presence but something stopped him trying to get closer.

"Despite the urge to do so, every time I considered walking up the field something inside me told me no," he said.

Two days later he learned that a crop formation had appeared in the same field about 100 yards away.

Despite his experience, he said, he remained sceptical about crop circles and was keeping an open mind about how they were made.

Meanwhile leading crop circle researcher and author Michael Glickman has appealed to farmers to stop destroying formations when they appear.

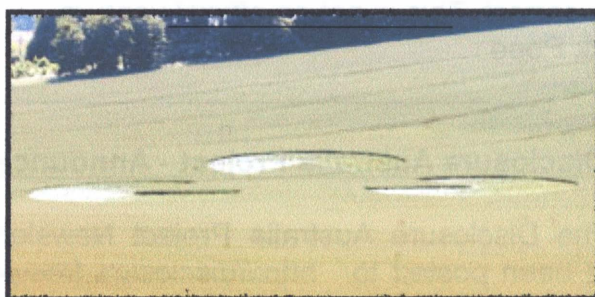
He said more and more farmers were mowing the formations to discourage people going into their fields and causing more damage to crops.

Mr Glickman said: "This phenomenon is bringing in hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of trade to the county every year.

"We need to find some accommodation with farmers where they agree not to cut out the formations or threaten people with shotguns but to put cash boxes there to reimburse the cost of damaged crops."

A new pattern, of three circles each with a segment untouched rather like three smiley faces, appeared at Temple Estate at Rockley on Wednesday, causing an estimated £650 damage.

Estate manager Chris Musgrave said: "It's nothing but criminal damage and farmers are having a tough enough time as it is and this is the last thing we need."



Here is a thought?

If the radio phone rings... Should we answer it?

Or should we just let it ring and not answer it?

Let me know what you think...

Microsoft And NASA...

A few days ago Microsoft launched a competition inviting people to submit UFO/alien photographs, real or fake. People were also challenged to locate a UFO held at a secret military facility.

The top prize is a holiday in Florida with VIP access to NASA's Space Centre at Cape Canaveral. I'm judging the competition, as is Peter Varnish, a former MOD Scientific Adviser at the British Embassy in Washington, who's also served as Director of Science for Ballistic Missile Defence:

<http://www.msnspace.com/>

As a result of this, I've received various media enquiries and numerous emails from ufologists and conspiracy theorists. Some people have suggested that this is a government/corporate attempt to obtain UFO photographs and/or details of ufologists.

Others have gone further and suggested it's part of a campaign to acclimatize the public to an extraterrestrial reality, prior to an official announcement - the Project Mindshift hypothesis. The proximity to the UK premiere of The War of the Worlds has been mentioned, and the fact that Microsoft is involved led someone to ask me whether their technology was based on something from the Roswell crash, given to them by Colonel Philip Corso.

I should make it clear that none of the above rumours are correct. This is not an official venture.
Nick Pope

Disclosure Australia Project - Announcement 25

The Disclosure Australia Project Newsletter 24 has just been posted to: <http://disclosure.freewebsite.org>
This issue contains:

- Previously unseen memos about the 1953 Drury film located on a formerly "Secret" file of the former Department of Civil Aviation.
- The search for a pre 1953 RAAF DAFI UFO file - number "SEC CD2/2"
- Information found on two RAAF HQ Darwin files which have not been seen before by UFO researchers.

The Disclosure Project Australian**SUFOG DIARY - 2005..**

**21st September :
Anti Gravity**

**19th October :
Mystery Animals**

**16th November :
TV based UFO Special**

**14th December :
Famous Cases
Christmas Party.
American Supper.
Please bring some food.**

**January 2006 :
Cattle Mutilations**

**Meetings :
CIU Club,
Victoria Road,
Netley Abbey.
Southampton.
7.30 p.m. - 10. p.m.
£3.00 to cover room hire.**

Please contact the Editor before the above dates to confirm that the Sky Watch / Meeting are still going ahead. This is because Sky Watch's are likely to be cancelled / changed due to weather conditions, and other commitments that the editor is not aware of at the time of publication of the newsletter..

UFO'S Over Hampshire...
(Isle of Wight 1950 - 2002)
(Part)

Date : October 1979

LOCATION : LAKE MARCH

TIME : 4 P.M.

WITNESS : MRS.J.NEWTON, MOTHER-IN-LAW
AND SON GARY...

WHITE BATON OR STRIP LIGHT HANGING IN
THE SKY. MOVED SHARPLY FROM HORIZONTAL
TO VERTICAL THEN BACK TO HORIZONTAL AND
SHOT OFF TOWARDS ARRETON.

SOURCE : UFO MAGAZINE MAY/JUNE 1999

Date : October 1980

LOCATION : RYDE

TIME : 23.00HRS

WITNESS : UNKNOWN

BRIGHT LIGHT TRAVELLING SOUTH TO NORTH.
NO SOUND. SHOT UP AT INCREASING
ACCELERATION IN STEEP UPWARD CRVE &
DISAPPEARED THROUGH GAP IN CLOUDS.

SOURCE : GLOBAL MAGAZINE JUNE/JULY 1997

Date : July 1981

LOCATION : RYDE

TIME : 23.00HRS

WITNESS : FEMALE

MISTY WHITE LIGHT BEHIND CLOUDS. MADE
TWELVE OR THIRTEEN SWEEPING CIRCLES IN
QUICK SUCCESSION BEFORE DISAPPEARING.

SOURCE : UFO MAGAZINE MAY/JUNE 1999

Date : 3rd July 1981

LOCATION : WHITEHOUSE LANE, NEWPORT

TIME : UNKNOWN

WITNESS : LADY & 2 FRIENDS

BRIGHT WHITE DISC IN WESTERN SKY.
TURNED SHRPLY TO RIGHT EXPOSING 2
FLASHING RED LIGHTS AT ITS REAR. SHOT OFF
NORTH AT A TREMENDOUS SPEED.

SOURCE : GLOBAL MAGAZINE JUNE/JULY 1997

Date : 18th August 1988

LOCATION : NEWPORT

TIME : UNKNOWN

WITNESS : VETERINARY ASSISTANT

BRIGHT DISC IN WEST FOR ABOUT 10
MINUTES. SUDDENLY CAME TOWARDS HER,
TURNED SHARPLY TO RIGHT EXPOSING TWO
FLASHING RED LIGHTS AT THE REAR AND THEN
ACCELERATED AT TREMENDOUS SPEED TO THE
NORTH.

SOURCE : UFO MAGAZINE MAY/JUNE 1999

Florida Today : 12th August 2005 :
Noted UFO Debunker Klass Dies At 85.

Philip J. Klass spent a 50-year career meticulously researching stories on the latest in aviation technology as a senior editor for Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine. He spent his off hours trying to disprove the existence of UFOs.

Klass died Tuesday of prostate cancer at the Merritt Island home he shared with his wife of 25 years, Nadya.

"He fought very hard," said Nadya, a former news editor with Voice of America.

Klass, 85, was born and raised in Iowa, the son of a lawyer. He earned a degree in electrical engineering from Iowa State and went on to work for General Electric in aviation development. In 1952, he switched careers to journalism.

His sister, Rosanne Klass of New York City, said her brother was always building crystal radio sets as a boy. She remembers his first glimpse of his future at a fairground in Cedar Rapids.

"As a Boy Scout, he won a contest, and the prize was a chance to go up in an autogyro, now called a helicopter," Rosanne Klass said, adding that her parents stood by frightened as her brother ascended. "In my mind, I can see Phil in his Boy Scout uniform in the autogyro."

He received numerous awards for his reporting, but he became culturally known for his UFO work, earning criticism from those who insist UFOs and aliens are real.

He published "UFOs Identified" in 1968, along with four other books that explained away UFOs.

Klass was one of the founders of the Committee for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP) and a regular contributor to its journal, Skeptical Inquirer. He famously offered \$10,000 to anyone whose UFO or alien abduction claims could be verified by the FBI. He never paid a reward.

David Jacobs, a Temple University history professor and alien abduction expert, said Klass was dedicated to his cause. The two argued their points on CNN's "Larry King Live" in 1993.

"Regardless of evidence, regardless of logic, regardless of disconfirming information, he always set his path clearly on one course and that was that the UFO phenomenon was not extraterrestrial and had no basis in reality," Jacobs said Thursday night. He added, though, "I wish that UFO researchers were as dedicated and tenacious as he was." A funeral is scheduled for Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in the Washington, D. C., area.



NEWSPAPER REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.



**Why the UFO
hunters are
calling it a day**

Few and far between this issue so guess I might as well start with a bang!

The Daily Telegraph came with my Daily Mail and Daily Express on the 9th August and was a surprise since I don't have the Telegraph but The Times. It wasn't until it sunk in that it was a broadsheet I was reading and not the tabloid Times that I realised Richard at the shop had made a mistake! Odd, really... or was it? Since the Telegraph had a front page taster of a page 9 article with two greys with the provocative statement 'why the UFO hunters are calling it a day'.

How dare they! Page 9 had the same two greys in a half page article headed 'Cumbria falls off the intergalactic UFO map' and UFO Magazine folded last year due to the lack of UFO's! Well, I phoned Gary Heseltine of UFO

Monthly.com to alert him to the article on his answer machine. The Telegraph DID agree that the skies over Filey, Yorkshire, were seemingly crammed full of strange craft. Russ Kellett, chief researcher at Filey, for the British UFO Hunters, reported two triangles appearing straight out of the North Sea, plus a number of 'bright lights' reports, while Mr. Kellett himself has enjoyed two encounters himself. In the second one figures appeared out of his bedroom wall. Says 'we call them shadow people'. The article concludes with 'Hmmm'. Needless to say I emailed The Telegraph and put them right and in the picture of our local stuff etc! Richard at the newspaper shop said the mistake in the papers was "spooky"... You and I know it isn't unique!

The Daily Express 18th June had 2 pages concerning top author Nick Redfern's latest book "Body Snatchers in the Desert" (Simon & Schuster) and outlines the most startling excerpt. Briefly, and rather surprisingly, Nick seems to go along with the "explanation" of the Roswell incident of 1947, that the "answer" lies with some very secret Japanese on the USA mainland involved large balloons carried beneath some kind of wooden glider which contained several Kamikazi pilots, aimed at several targets, cities etc, said balloons carrying very high explosive materials, taking 4 hours (from Japan?), at 30,000 feet with the help of prevailing winds! Furthermore, an "improved" plan was to drop a deadly plague style virus n similar targets! So... those "alien" bodies, strange material, equally strange writings, etc, are now "explained"? Your guess is as good as mine. In 1947? I was just about to send off my cheque for £8.99 but refrained, wondering why a much admired author would append his name to hard to understand (I won't say "believe"!) explanations!

The Daily Express... or could be the Daily Mail ! Of July has a cartoon of three big eyed greys gazing down at a cartoon shaped feller strapped down as a syringe hovers over him, who is saying ; No, I'm sorry, I don't have my insurance card on me".

The Daily Mail for 4th July had a long letter from an Andy Haynes of South Yorkshire giving us the benefit of his sci-fi addiction the right, apparently, to the conviction that he will never encounter any Captain Kirk's intelligent alien friends and gets into explanations that involve organic complexity, natural selection, self-replicating molecular organisms some 3,0000 plus

million years ago, the ancestor of all life forms. Etc etc! He concludes that 'as for life on other planets, he'll 'never believe it if I ever see any real evidence'. And then, he says, he'll double-check his calculations. Golly! What a shock he has coming... whenever!

OK... That's it... nothing else is available from the newspaper world, unless our Steve knows something when he returns from his weeks holiday in North Devon!

The Guardian - 11th August 2005 :

The Martians Aren't Coming...

British UFO-spotting clubs may have to close because of a lack of sightings. Have the little green men really stopped visiting, or do we earthlings just have bigger things to worry about?

It may only be a small, translucent green gleam on the horizon, but there are signs of a crisis in UFO-spotting. Chris Parr, coordinator of the Cumbrian branch of the British UFO Hunters, sent a shiver through the hearts of ufologists with his announcement this week that his group may be forced to wind up. There don't seem to be any UFOs in Cumbria any more.

Or maybe there just aren't any spotters. Parr's statement seemed to leave both possibilities open. "In Cumbria we have gone from 60 UFO sightings in 2003 to 40 in 2004 and none at all this year. It means that the number of people keeping their eyes on the skies is greatly diminished. We are a dying breed in this part of the country. I put it down to the end of The X Files, a lack of military exercises in the area that would produce UFO sightings, and a lack of strange phenomena." A lack of strange phenomena or a shortage of strange people? Take your pick.

It has not been a happy couple of years for ufology. The closure last year of UFO magazine, following the sudden death of its editor Graham Birdsall, was a disaster for the close-knit UFO-spotting community. Several websites have sprung up to try to fill

the void, but the best-known one, Ufodata - launched by Russel Callaghan, who used to work with Birdsall, his father-in-law, on UFO Magazine - kept making my computer crash. Spooky.

Parr's statement echoes those of UFO groups in Indiana and New Jersey, where ufologists are also having a long, dark night of the soul. Meanwhile, a leading Scandinavian ufologist has suggested that "maybe people are just fed up with the UFO hysteria". The sceptics reckon they have enough evidence to pronounce ufology dead.

"The whole UFO thing is a kind of meme," says Susan Blackmore, a psychologist who studies paranormal activity. "It's a craze, a bit like sudoku. UFOs were just a rather long-lived version. But crazes thrive on novelty, and eventually that dies out. It's taken a long time, but it's good that the UFO era is over. My prediction is that it will go away for a long time and then come back."

Blackmore has spent most of her working life examining the paranormal. She became interested in the subject after what she describes as a "dramatic out-of-body experience", and reached the conclusion that there really is nothing out there. "Everything is explicable in terms of psychology," she says. "I'm as sure as you can be that there are no paranormal experiences, and I've spent 30 years looking."

She says belief in UFOs and the existence of extraterrestrials, while mostly harmless, can in some cases be very damaging. "For most people, belief in them is neither here nor there," she says, "but some people can become very frightened and obsessed. It can also lead to an anti-science attitude and the belief that everything is being hushed up."

Britain's beleaguered band of ufologists are not, however, going to give up without a fight. "Cumbria is a delightful part of the country, but it has a small population and you shouldn't read anything into the fact that no UFOs are being spotted there," says Callaghan. He is

currently excited, for example, by the extra-ordinary level of UFO activity in Filey, North Yorkshire, where he says there have been 80 reports in the past eight months. Russ Kellett, who describes himself as a UFO researcher, has been documenting them. "In Filey Bay there have been sightings of something that looks like a flying triangle," he says. "They are not conventional aircraft. They keep appearing and disappearing, defying the laws of physics. I've got video evidence and will be showing it at the Great British UFO Show in Leeds in October."

As is often the case with committed ufologists, Kellett's interest dates from a personal "close encounter" in 1988. "I was sat at a level crossing on a motorbike," he recalls, "when suddenly I was aware of light all around me and a beam of light hitting me. The crossing went up so I carried on, but I saw this big ball of light moving towards Halifax." Kellett is one of those who believes there is an official cover-up of the number of UFO incidents. "You can't have panic," he says. "All we can hope is that someone will bring the truth out about this."

Veteran ufologist Denis Plunkett, founder chairman of the British Flying Saucer Bureau, accepts that "there is not a lot happening at the moment" and that "the loss of the magazine was a great blow - Birdsall was a shining light". But he, too, insists that ufology should not be written off. "Belief in UFOs and extraterrestrial life has gone up from 10% of the population to 80% over the 50-plus years the BFSB has existed."

Plunkett, a former civil servant who says his career suffered because of his publicly stated belief in flying saucers, argues that the evidence for extraterrestrials is "incontrovertible". He believes extraterrestrial life forms visit earth frequently. "They seem to be observing us but not interfering with us," he says.

Nick Pope, author of *Open Skies, Closed Minds*, used to run the Ministry of Defence's UFO project. He began as a sceptic, but the difficulty he had in explaining some cases he assessed shook that scepticism. "I became more open when I was there," he says. "Now I won't rule out an

extraterrestrial explanation. During my three-year tour of duty from 1991 to 94, I had to investigate 200 to 300 sightings a year: 80% of them had perfectly rational explanations - meteors, satellites, weather patterns; with another 15% it was difficult to reach any conclusion; but with about 5% there was evidence of something more intriguing."

It was 1978, he says, that was "the peak in UFO sightings [it helped that Close Encounters of the Third Kind had been released the previous year], when there were 750 reports. We have seen these UFO waves many times. If a paper runs a UFO story and puts a line at the bottom saying, 'If you have seen a UFO, ring us,' they will be inundated. You try it."

David Clarke, a historian at Sheffield University and the Fortean Times' UFO correspondent, is not convinced by the "peaks and troughs" line. "People haven't stopped believing, but they do seem to be seeing far less than they did and it's not clear why," he says. "There's been a massive drop in sightings since 1996, which is when *The X Files* was on TV. It may also be that since 9/11 people have had other things to worry about. There is not just less interest in UFOs, but in all supernatural phenomena. People are more worried about terrorist bombs. The MoD also lost interest in UFOs when the cold war ended: what they had really been looking for was Russian intruder aircraft. They only collate sightings now because MPs keep asking questions about UFOs."

So is there a crisis in ufology? Joe McGonagle, who runs UFOlogyinuk, the main internet newsgroup for British ufologists, believes there is. "Ufology has shot itself in both feet and needs drastic surgery in order to recover," he told his 1,000-strong membership yesterday in an emailed response to the news from

Cumbria. "Ufology is suffering from the paranoid accusations of government cover-ups which some of the more vociferous groups and individuals are all too willing to believe and kick up a fuss about. All of these things drive people away from what is already a peculiar subject."

It isn't just Cumbria. McGonagle points to the decline in the number of local UFO clubs as ufologists get their information from the internet instead; apathy among the public (oddly, he links the failure to report sightings to the falling turnout in general elections); and a general "loss of focus" in ufology. The great flying saucer-spotting days of the mid-20th century are long gone. Contrast the panic generated by Orson Welles' radio broadcast of The War of the Worlds in 1938 with the indifference which greeted Tom Cruise's recent "blockbuster" movie version.

David Clarke thinks the rise and fall of ufology is a rich subject for study and is currently trying to attract funds for just such an undertaking. "I see it as part of modern folklore," he says. "UFOs are like modern-day angels, and descriptions of meeting aliens are just like descriptions of people meeting angels in the Middle Ages." Filey was probably big on angels, too.



MAGAZINE REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

Quite a parcel of magazines this time, and in some variety too. So... here goes;

Awareness for Spring 05... is the Journal of Contact International UFO Research and is a pocket sized publication that sports a nice blue cover this issue, using various UFO designs and giving one a taster of its contents with Moon Landing Mystery, Freedom of Information Act, and Ancient UFO Cases. Inside editor Geoff Ambler writes "Science V Senses" and contrasting that Great British Hoax UFO and the Russian girl and the test on Channel 4 with sceptic Richard Wiseman who denounced her "gift" of using mind powers to detect illnesses in seven people in the studio, since she "only" got it right on five! Geoff went on to explain the problems which most of us involved will know of. Mostly concerning "spirit" vibrations compared to "scientific" ditto in a negative atmosphere. Articles follow on those "rods" and such and "insects" maybe but not definite. Photos to boot. Big cat sightings. I saw a black "panther" years ago stalking through woods at Romsey from my train window and one sitting by a busy road on Southampton's outskirts even more years before... I turned my car and drove back but it had gone! It was BIG! Secret websites can be found on www.secret-bases.com.uk says another article. Early 2005 crop circles. Oxford Conference in March included a section on "ORBS". Archive photos etc of old UFO sightings. Much more. Awareness available @ £9 for 4, £14 for 8. From Po. Box 23, Wheatley, Oxon. OX33.

The Australian UFO Bulletin June 05 sports a bright green cover... pocket size, with various spacecraft (ours and "theirs"!) thereon. A regular classy and well produced mag, contents include "A New Kind of Solar Storm", May 05 Grampians Trip (a Down Under Hotspot) International sighting reports, Orange lights over Wonthaggi, etc etc Apollo Moon photos show big lights, circular spots and constructions" on the Lunar surface! Photo of a half-dozen lights apparently round a "circular" craft. Etc. International reports how Phoenix,

Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Brunswick, New Jersey, oh Hell! All over! While Queensland Australia has SIX amazing sightings and a detailed non-traumatic abduction since January 05! President Judith Magee reminds us in her Editorial that there are some 'curious' things out there in the Universe and "Lights off, but Something's Home" article tells it like it is and "A new Kind of Solar Storm" could make you think twice before booking your moon trip! Read ALL about in YOUR copy... contact the Victorian UFO Research Society at PO Box 1043, Moorabbin, Vic. 3189, Australia.

RAPPORT... representing the late Ken Phillips Witness Support Group, based in the UK, a front cover depicting an abductee defeating gravity from that uncomfortable looking table while two greys look on, for it's May/June issue. The subtitle says it all with "Enlightenment" if you think about it! Inside it's 22 pages and the Editorial sums up with comments on that David Phillips abductee claim which I, and probably a few others, found extremely difficult to swallow. The claim Editor Mike gives us that it all has connections with David Icke only makes it worse especially the claimant's description of a little lady walking a donkey burdened with a bag each side of it across the dusty plain of Jupiter's moons didn't help, Mike! Other outlines of the Rapport magazine contents on my 'interesting' Polaroid and such, Avril discovers a legendary site in Oxfordshire where she learnt how to dowse, while Noel recounts the story of an abductee "taken" in mid-air, two sets of photos looking at something strange or unexplained from Sue at the Clacton UFO Group. Marc Bell's account of the latest Rendlesham Forest trip where they saw helicopters "chasing" something while they saw balls of "light" leaping about the track-ways confirmed by a couple they met up with. The OZ factor from someone called Noel (see the Australian magazine above) relates the story of a 1975-

1977 chasing of a car full of six men by not only a craft but a "humanoid" who appeared out of nearby bushes and pelted towards the men who took to their heels and got into their car, and drove off at some speed cutting short their "toilet stop!" Incredibly, the "thing" knocked over a small tree, jumped a barbed wire fence in a split second and followed the speeding car for a good way until vanishing! The "humanoid" was described as whitish, skinny, no hair, large eyes that looked red in the darkness, whose body "glowed!" Naked, and no gender could be seen Hmmm! OK...ENOUGH! You might call Rapport a good read this time... it's certainly different!

Margaret Fry's newish book gets a review in the magazine... I keep thinking I'll get it but my overloaded brain diverts the thought! Who Are They? Is the title. PO Box No. 197, Rhyl LL18 1AA £16 inc. postage.

OK... I'm gonna call a dinner halt... this new computer is a menace! You have to remember to double space twixt every word and I've got a mysterious instruction obscuring the typing that wants me to 'Close full screen' and I Do not want to! Come back soon Steve... he's on holiday and is my expert instructor!

OVNI... here we go again... and the familiar and friendly yellow cover of Omar Fowler's Journal of the Phenomenon Research Association... July/August issue... a "Bumper issue" as he calls it! Omar and Colin Saunders recently met a senior member of the British Airport Authority in Southern England (Swanick?) and discussed the implications of unidentified triangular craft (whether they be extraterrestrial or Stealth) flying in the UK airspace. The combined investigation is ongoing and will be worldwide too. Colin Saunders was the subject of a close encounter with an FT in March 1999. The magazine features an anniversary reminder of the famous French 1965 Valensole case... in another certain magazine I'll be reviewing it as classed a hoax. Page 3 of OVNI has superb painting of the alleged craft and the two humanoids that

emerged from it and allegedly paralysed the farmer who witnessed the entire event... A Google Map satellite photo of an apparent huge object over a Florida Park has caused interest... no solution as yet. Casting a shadow on the ground, Omar asks 'any clues anyone?' Colin Saunders describes his 1999 encounter and illustrates it in colour etc over several pages. An interesting read! As are The Blue Book extracts from 1954 of triangular objects over Ohio on pages nine and ten. The witness was a serving USAAF Operations Officer... A suggestion was put forward... not by witnesses... that unreported operations by military craft were the answers although officials staff were apparently unaware of the exercise. An April 2005 Flying triangle over California and a configuration of triangular lights over Louisiana was also reported on March 4th. A Dr. Don Burleson of new Mexico MUFON analysed a 13 year old boys photo and concluded they were a formation of small lights or that "something" joined them together OR was some sort of connecting force-field! The 14 page OVNI concludes as usual with a back page of Tale Enders that includes a silent slow moving FT over |Connecticut USA only about 200 feet above a motorist who pulled off the road to observe it closer. A NASA report said unexpected and unusual intense burst of radiation in 50 years occurred on January 20th 2005. Forecasters were 'surprised' at how fast it approached the earth and its intensity... OK... OVNI can be sent for £1 + pp from 94 The Circle, Sinfin, Derby. DE24 9H.

DEGUFORUM is a German glossy... any linguists translate?... its 44 pages are loaded with understandable pictures, illustrations, photos, etc, just use your initiative or ask Steve for any info!

UFO is another such... issue 108 and originates in Mexico... the one we were told about recently amid some talk and English version might make it. Again, well illustrated and we can all understand Caso Varginha! Alien etc... Overall, I'm nostalgically reminded of our own UFO Magazine.

UFO Monthly.com July 05 makes a good try at

plugging our gap though. Editor Gary Heseltine announces a boost via website matters... sorry, I'm still an old beginner in such things but I'm getting there with my newish PC that I'm still struggling with! Contents of the mag. Very interesting if Dutton's Astronautical Theory is OK if I don't get involved with the mathematics of it. I've known Roy Dutton along with his theory for many years... he was involved with a photo of stars and a "rogue" object that I sent him in the seventies. Met him at an Oxford Conference once (SUFOG Group conference trip) and communicated occasionally. He certainly made me think about one of my own particular sightings. His theory confirmed it. So did my experience of it. UFO Monthly.com also did us proud with the Radio Four John E. Mack prog. Which presenter Angela Hind relates in depth in the mag. I sent my John Mack tape experience to both Gary and Angela Hind. I await results.

NEW BUFORA JOURNAL for April 2005 has an interesting and lengthy four pages from editor Steve Gamble looking at the depth of experiences... whether one "goes" physically or is it just the "mind" that is taken and images inserted that an abductee has to live with unless it is "unlocked"? As Steve says, the vast majority of witnesses report truthfully to the best of their ability. Steve further says that his years of experience that much of the evidence for aliens as extraterrestrials could also be used to make a case for time travellers. Steve concludes a deeply researched article by suggesting we should be careful discarding anything out of hand. Article by Geoff Falla on The Energy Connection has strong links for the foregoing. Fourteen pages on the Gulf Breeze incidents follow... evidence and counter evidence given in his usual meticulous

style by Norman Oliver, BUFORA Vice President and responsible for the worldwide UFOCALL service. While postal training officer and Investigator Heather Dixon chips in with an article on the strange goings on near the village of Cotherstone in County Durham which included poltergeist-like incidents and UFO like encounters. Certainly both BUFORA committee members and the rank and file of members take on board these days saw a wide range of encounters... again, poltergeistic, psychic, UFOlogical, with all that the brief description covers... and more! The Journal concludes with the alternative account by Doreen Jenkinson of the 2004 exploration to Rendlesham Forest in company of one Larry Warren, which, again, encountered all kinds of phenomena!

All in all the BUFORA Journal keeps up its renowned quality although an accompanying account of its AGM meeting covering the period between January 2004 to December 2004 shows that they are encountering much the same losses and gains in their membership numbers although their finances show a small loss on the 2003 accounting.

Plans for the future include a change of name, while current editor Stephen Gamble stands down following Journal no. 17.

OK... BUFORA membership still stands at £20 per annum for a Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter edition. As a member myself since 2000, and formerly an investigator for the organisation way back in the 70's, I can recommend BUFORA as well worth joining... since it seems to me to have managed its earlier problems quite well although like many others, nothing is quite the same as those first far off days... although, too, I believe, so long as we deal the cards right, and in unison and holding fast to what we see as THE TRUTH, we will prevail.

World News & UFO Reports...

Massive UFO Fleet Sighting... Xalapa Mexico

A massive UFO sighting took place on Friday June 24, 2005 in Xalapa, Mexico witnessed by Xalapa's governor Fidel Herrera Beltran, members of his staff, the Xalapa's police department, newspapers and television reporters and many people gathered at Casa Veracruz for an official ceremony where the new patrol units would be delivered to the police department.

The surprising incident took place at 10:30 AM causing commotion, excitement and certain alarm among the people and officials. Just after governor Fidel Herrera Beltran made a speech inaugurating the new units and during an inspection of a new patrol his attention was called by his officials signalling to the sky where a strange spectacle was appearing.

A spectacular UFO fleet of at least 14 unknown flying objects captured the attention of all the people gathered at casa Veracruz who signalling to the sky screamed OVNIs, OVNIs !! in an agitated state of excitement. The police officers were also signalling to the sky wondering what these unknown flying objects could be.

Different reactions were heard from surprise, curiosity, disconcert and even some laughs among the people who continue shouting OVNIs !! The newspaper reporters were taking photos and the television crew recording the unusual spectacle. Governor Fidel Herrera Beltran took the microphone and said joking: It seems the Martians have arrived !!

The people wondered if the strange objects could be balloons of some kind or in fact real UFOs like those so many times reported over Mexico. However the enigmatic flying objects remained almost static in the sky in formation describing a triangle pattern in perfect alignment for almost 30 minutes, time enough for the

incident to be videotaped by the media and some persons from the audience.

On Friday night TV Azteca presented the report with videos on their national TV newscast giving the account of the un-precedent incident. On Saturday June 25 the Diario de Xalapa newspaper as well as others published on main headlines the unusual event under the title: Luminous Objects caught the attention during official act.

PUGACHYEV, SIMFEROPOL' --On July 2 or 3, 2005, after 11 PM, Yuriy A. Pugachyev, Simferopol'-based UFO researcher, saw the brightly lit object, emitting yellow light, moving across the sky, from his balcony on the 5th floor. The witness is sure these were not satellites nor airplanes, because the UFO was bright and moved in a zigzag trajectory. The witness also emphasized he saw several UFO's last year from his balcony.

Numerous rumours circulate around ancient underground cavern bases, cities and tunnels, allegedly left from ancient times. Some parts of this underground infrastructure in Southern Ukraine and Crimean peninsula are still allegedly used by aliens and UFOs from time to time. There are solid rumours about "gateways" or "windows" to some parallel dimension on Ay'-Petri plateau west of the town of Yalta where numerous UFOs are regularly observed. Thanks to Dr. Anton A. Anfalov, Crimean UFO Research an@crimea.com tel. (home) 380 (652) 25-66-90 ul. Kyibusheva str. 13, kv. 332 Simferopol'-34, AR Crimea, 95034 UKRAINE

MEXICO CITY -- Jaime Maussan during the radio show 'Los Grandes Misterios' on July 3, 2005, reports that forty or more UFOs were sighted near Xalapa on June 30, 2005. A strong rain during early hours left a clean sky, when Pedro Avila, director of the Vigilantes Skywatch group received a call from colleague Enrique Vallarino telling that an employee alerted him of a UFO sighting outside on Cuahutemoc Street people were already excitedly pointing at a cluster of UFOs. At the same time, the Jaime Maussan Research Centre began receiving calls from witnesses seeing a fleet of many shining UFOs flying together. According to Pedro Avila, "It took just a few minutes to receive confirmation from his Vigilantes

colleagues that there were UFOs and they were videotaping forty metallic, sphere shaped objects shinning in the sun. There was a single, larger object noticed above the main formation which was described as having a yellowish colour."

Jaime Maussan received a report from Alfredo Adame, popular TV host from a daily show by TELEVISA saying that many people were calling the TV show reporting a huge UFO sighting. People at the airport's control tower were asked if their radar screens were detecting the objects but they declined to make any statements. At least three videos were taken by Maria Montserrat. The images were carefully analysed and the 'balloon' explanation was quickly discarded because of the synchronized flight path and patterns flown by the whole mass of UFOs. Mr. Olazcoaga managed to capture on video the moment when the UFO formation moved slowly with the moon behind, a beautiful image. His son Jesus is heard on the tape asking him: "Are they going to attack us?"

A AGUADILL-- Professor Reinaldo Rios reports, "On Tuesday, June 28, 2005, about 10:15 PM, an enormous tapeworm shaped ship with several lights underneath was observed in intervals over the northwest area of the island. Residents of Aguadilla saw the craft hovering above. A young person Carlos Hernandez took a photo with his digital camera. Professor Rios went to the area to interview many of the witnesses." They reported, "The object remained overhead for a long period of time emitting various collared lights that were changing. The photo provided by writing Channel 12 of WOLE TV in Puerto Rico who produce programs on UFOs for this company. The photo shows several lights in colours surrounded by a reddish light, that changed the colour tonality." Thanks to Prof. Reinaldo Rios Press OCPI of PR # 97-055

SAN DIEGO -- On July 4, 2005, at 9 PM,

a bright triangle with orange lights was spotted above Mission Bay, so the witnesses parked on a hill. Very high over Mission Bay, I saw a very bright orange ball and as it got closer it looked like a V, it had ~5 bright orange lights on each arm of the V. It moved very fast to the left, stopped then moved forward and to the right. There also appeared to be some type of dripping orange fire from it, like a flare but this only happened twice. Then, the lights went out one at a time on the arms and it just looked like a star that faded out. Sober as hell and still pretty freaked out about it. I am an educated middle age woman, and never saw anything like it. I just can't believe we were the only ones to see it. I'm watching the news for it. Most people were watching the fireworks.

Abduction Study by Chris French.

Joe (uuk) McGonagle

I received a copy of this, but there is an embargo on publication until it has been circulated in the scientific media. I can however précis the article for now. I have cleared this with Chris French.

The research was carried out by Christopher C. French, Julia Santomauro, Victoria Hamilton, Rachel Fox & Michael Thalbourne and was funded by the Bial Foundation of Portugal. Data was gathered by the following methods:

- use of a control group against which results were compared.

- paper based tests measuring pertinent psychological factors.

- an experiment which measured susceptibility to false memories.

- computerised testing of clairvoyance, precognition and psychokinesis

- personal interviews in which their abduction and other paranormal experiences were explored.

The main results were as follows:

- Experiencers reported a higher incidence of paranormal encounters, and harboured greater belief in the paranormal.

- No significant evidence of greater use of drugs or alcohol by either group.

- No significant difference in "psychic ability", though the telekinesis results are yet to be analysed.

- Hallucinatory tendencies - an increased tendency of this factor was measured amongst the experimenter group.

- "Openness to absorbing and self-altering experiences, a trait related to hypnotic susceptibility" (Dissociation) - an increased tendency of this factor was measured amongst the experimenter group.

- "A disruption in the usually integrated functions of consciousness, memory, identity, or perception of the environment. The disturbance may be sudden or gradual, transient or chronic" (Absorption) - an increased tendency of this factor was measured amongst the experimenter group.

- Fantasy proneness - analysis is not complete, but early indications are that an elevated tendency of this factor may be evident amongst the experimenter group.

- False memory susceptibility - no significant difference was apparent.

I won't reproduce the conclusion here (it might change when all analyses are completed). No doubt many of the participants and interested observers will not like the results. One factor which Prof. French drew attention to is that it is not possible to determine whether the differences noted are consequences of the reported experiences, or a contributory factor towards the experience itself. Note the subtly different interpretation and emphasis between this post and that of Nick Pope at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2005/jun/m05-015.shtml>

Unfortunately, you will have to wait for the "official" publication to decide for yourself which is the more accurate rendition, particularly in regard to Nick's remarks in relation to "fantasy proneness". Nick didn't attend the presentation of the results at Liverpool Hope University College on 4th June, which is surprising considering his enthusiasm when it comes to associating himself with "the project". Two "enterprising members of the public" did however attend, and might like to comment further.


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MOD On-Line Reading Room..

The Ministry of Defence has recently expanded its online Reading Room, and the June 2005 log contains a consolidated list of all responses to UFO FOIA requests made to date:

<http://www.mod.uk/publications/foi/rr/rrjun05.htm>

The Reading Room also enables you to access the Publication Scheme, where you can search for information using the keyword UFO. Requests received are also listed, and again, some relate to UFOs:

<http://www.mod.uk/publications/foi/rr/index.htm>

As is mentioned in some of the responses, there are plans to expand the Publication Scheme, adding further classes of information on UFOs.

This is a welcome move and a useful resource for UFOlogists. Those interested in British UFOlogy will want to check this site on a regular basis.

Nick Pope

UFO THE MUSICAL.

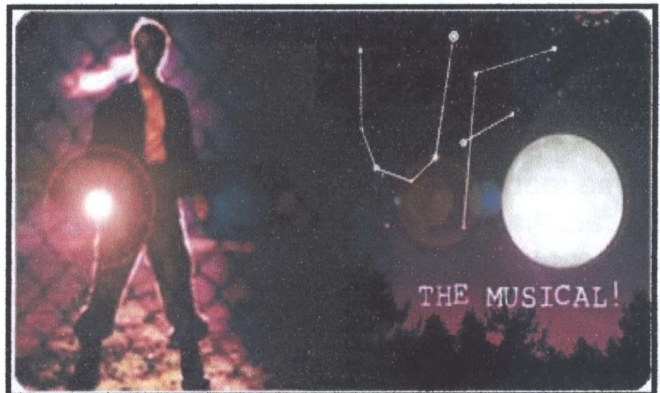
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I suppose that it had to happen one day. I opened my post and out fell the colour brochure (and free badge!!) advertising the above event. Well, we have had the movie, we have had the soundtracks, so it was inevitable that 'The musical' appeared. This takes place between the 17th and 28th August near Woodbridge (1980 famous Rendlesham Forest event) which the musical is based on. It is being performed in the open air close to the site of the original incident.

So if you live in Suffolk (I don't think any of our members do!), this is the event for you. Not my cup of tea, but I suppose the inevitable was going to happen one day.



SUFOG Magazine Back issue Appeal...

Over the years I have kept back issues of the SUFOG Magazine, BUT I do not seem to have the following issues. IF you have any of them can you please forward me a photocopy or let me borrow it and I can copy it and return it..

Issue : 4 / 5 / 46 / 48 and 141/142.

Timothy Good lecture
22nd October 2005..

Hello my friend.

Just to see how you are keeping, and to let you know that we have our Wakefield lecture with Tim Good coming up on Saturday the 22nd of October this year in normanton Wakefield.

The ticket prices are £12.50p per person pensioners and concessions will receive discount with proof of benefits. Or student card we have to make this a pre book all ticket lecture because there are only 200 seats.

For more details or to book email me on backin47@blueyonder.co.uk or call 07904 905127.

Please pass on these details to anyone who may have an interest?

Sincerely yours Leigh.

From:
Russel Callaghan....
Dear Friends...

As we approach the middle of the year we are realising that October 1st is not that far away.

We are fully prepared for our first Great British UFO Show and look forward to meeting each and every one of you there.

One reason why we selected the venue was the fact that the concert room is fully equipped with permanently installed equipment. Audio, video and lighting and this been the case means we don't have the worry of hiring unfamiliar equipment and trying to work out how it all goes together on the day.

We think the whole event will be an enjoyable and social experience for newcomers and old hands alike.

Some people might not be fully aware of all the speakers on our guest list, let me tell you I personally invited these speakers after long consultations with my colleagues.

The criteria for selection was the fact that each guest has a very interesting story to tell, some are telling of their own very personal experiences whilst others are relating well researched case studies. These are people

who have been known to me for many years but have not really had the exposure that either their work or stories deserve.

Of course Philip is well known around the world with his BUFORA and Alien Autopsy connections but our other guests have worked hard on or lived with this subject for many years.

By way of an introduction to our invited guests you might like to tune into 'Talk UFO' this is our very own Internet Radio Station and broadcasting right now is a 90 minute discussion show with all of our guests giving a preview to what they will be presenting in Leeds.

See link below.

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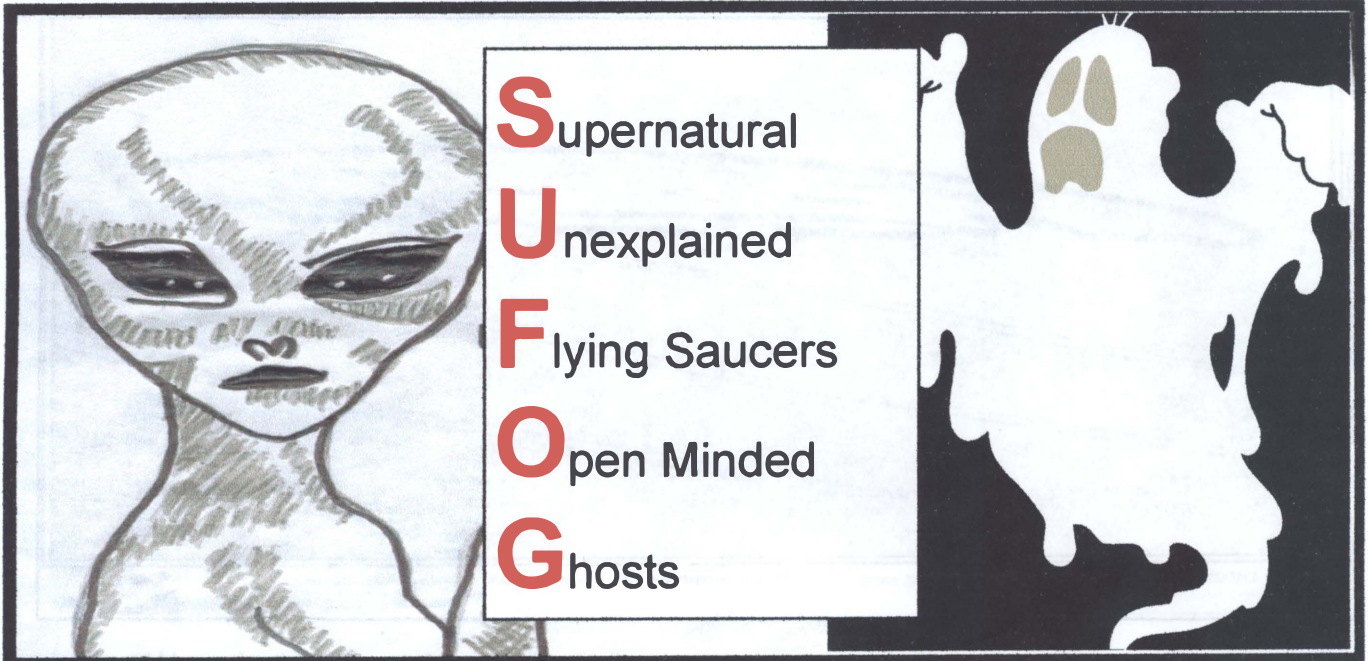
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We look forward to your company.

Russel Callaghan

THE PARANORMAL HAS ARRIVED IN SUFOG...



A GHOST STORY? OR.....

A sunny afternoon in 1982. My then wife and I were dozing under shady trees in our Portswood, Southampton. A lazy day. All was peaceful. I suddenly came awake in my deckchair. A gentle hand was on my left shoulder...another soft touch on my right arm. Opening my eyes I saw a beautiful lady standing in front of me. Golden tanned face. Brilliant blue eyes. Golden hair that actually glowed. A dimple in her right cheek. She spoke. 'All these years you've been asleep.. now you are awake' She vanished. My mind tried to collect my thoughts. Who was she? What did she mean? I thought I'd maybe got a touch of the sun! So I wandered indoors and laid down, pondering. I seemed to know that face.. the dimple.. the fair hair. A thought struck me and I phoned my "spiritual Guru".. a lady who had been with me when I had the gift of healing dropped in my lap some years ago. I asked her 'do they look healthy when they come back?' Oh, yes...and as she spoke I said aloud.. 'it was my Nellie' She was my first wife who died in my arms in 1947.. tuberculosis. Pale, thin, hair limp. My friend said how lucky I was. I guess I was.. and I understood her words of all the years I'd been asleep and now I was awake. I was a healer.. had woken up to the gift I'd been "given". Nellie has been with

me when I needed "help".. usually when healing a patient. My right hand vibrates even more and I get goose pimples all over! A "ghost"? Rather a nice one, eh?

Ernie Sears...

Source: CIUFOS - La Pampa

Date: 06.15.05

Argentina: Mutilated Horse Discovered

A mutilated horse was found in the vicinity of the Parque Raceway, located on the outskirts of Santa Rosa (La Pampa). Its death was estimated at some 15 days.

The horse showed signs of missing its tongue and left ear. An oval-shaped incision was present on its left wither, along with another smaller one on its abdomen and still another in the anus and adjacent regions.

The absence of the anterior and posterior lymph nodes was also observed, with incisions on the animal's fetlocks, respectively. It should be noted that there are similarities between this case and the one detected in the La Arana wilderness, where the absence of large pieces of hide on one side was documented, as well as the absence of the ears.

The Southampton Evening Echo 2nd July 2005... Formation on the Petersfield road North of Winchester.



FIRST CANADIAN CROP CIRCLE FORMATION OF 2005

The first formation for this year has been reported at Sandy Bay, Manitoba, found on June 3. Reported to CCCRN Manitoba on June 6. An unusual "miniature dumbbell" in short grass, approximately only 3-3.6 metres (10-12 feet) long (based on ground photos), but similar in shape to some early 1990s formations in England. Each end circle is actually a set of concentric rings. Whether the grass is just flattened or dead is not known yet, with further details pending.

Spooky Story...

About 2 p.m. May 2000

Driving my husband down the Boldrewood Rd towards Emery Down. Close to gateway leading into in-closure on right-hand side just before the Portuguese chimney.

A young girl striding along the grass verge towards the enclosure gate. My first reaction was "What on earth is she doing dressed like that?" My husband said, "What?" he couldn't see her. I thought perhaps she was wearing fancy dress. She looked very real.

Age possibly anything from 18 to 28. Pretty, soft delicate features, slightly flushed from

where she had been hurrying. Wearing a long black dress to her ankles, long sleeves, dress high up around her neck. Also wearing a little forward tipping hat and brown boots. Her hair must have been 'up' under the hat.

I slowed the car down; I was only driving about 30 mph anyway. She didn't look at the car. She was not carrying anything. She appeared to go through the gate. As I slowly drove by her she lifted the latch. (I went back the next day to have a look and in fact the gate is a spring-loaded one that you pull, not lift).

I went to the library and managed to date the hat to about 1872, but I couldn't find the style of dress at the library. Last year I went to the costume museum at Bath and saw an identical style of dress but not the same colour. The date of the dress about the same as the hat, early 1870's.

There is an old cottage down in the en-closure which I understand is dated about 1840 (I think).

SUFOG Reader
(Name & Address supplied).



Paranormal Proof ? - Ernie Sears...

A series of incidents in June, while not totally unusual... as you'll know SUFOG. The Southampton UFO Group, of which I'm still PRO, has added the "Paranormal" title to its format since this seems a natural progression... no doubt you'll agree. During June I had a couple of "disturbed" nights, the first of which I dreamt(?) I was sat up in bed and was having something done to my chest, during which I expectorated something that shot out like a projectile towards my chest of drawers. In the morning I looked across to said furniture to see two blobs of blood stuck to the top drawer. Curious? I got up and walked across the two or three feet to where I found what seemed to be blood surrounded by a sort of gel... Having been in a family afflicted with tuberculosis during the last war although not having it myself and having my first wife die in 1947 with the disease I was a trifle alarmed, but decided to wait and see if it happened again. It didn't. Yet I had this strange... although not unique... feeling of someone having been in my bedroom. A week or so later I discovered two "puncture marks" on my upper left leg. About an inch or so apart, I couldn't recall having them there the previous day. My mind flashed back to an abductee story where the person had seen a double barrelled "syringe" coming towards them that had two vicious looking thicker than usual needles. Apprehensive, he asked the

"alien", if it would hurt and was assured it would not and it didn't as it penetrated his body. I displayed my marks to various people who are UFO orientated... including Steve my SUFOG group leader.

I managed to get a Polaroid photo of the marks as they gradually lessened... a print was published in the Rapport magazine of the Ken Philips Witness Support Group, London based, which I write a column for. Waiting for the print to come back I will send it to you although the punctures were four days or so old by the time I got a film for my Polaroid... another aspect of this was I recalled hearing my bedroom door clicking to and fro on a night previous... oddly... or maybe not... I had firmly shut the door that night but didn't notice the marks until a day or two later. I don't sleep with my door open at all by the way. I actually got up that night to look around my flat and intending to shut the door. It clicked shut as I got out of bed. Again, I had this uneasy feeling.

OK... I showed the marks at the 15th June SUFOG meeting where I had taken along an audiotape of the Radio 4 programme from the 8th June that was on well known abductee investigator and hypnotherapist etc Dr. John E. Mack... although I seemed to be the only member who had taped it several others knew about it. Putting the tape in my recorder I'd brought along, Steve had plugged it in, and I adjusted it for volume and clarity. We sat in silence as the programme rolled on. This was the first time I'd actually heard it as I had the sound switched off on the actual programme being occupied elsewhere. Oddly, I heard little of our public broadcast! The recorder was right next to me, I had my essential hearing aid on, yet it seemed muffled. My mind was behaving as it does sometimes. Detached from normality. Some of you will know I'm a post abduction "healer"... registered with the National Federation of Spiritual Healers in 1982 following the "gift" being literally dropped in my lap in 1978 after three almost consecutive "encounters" earlier that year over my then Southampton Home. My then wife as a witness, and apparently (although

I was UNABLE to recall this until a few years ago when she asked how my "book" was going. I told her 'up to those experiences', to which she said, very firmly, 'I don't want to talk about that'. I suddenly realised she had been suffering nightmares ever since then... always the same... being in a 'big room' where there were a lot of people she did not know! I had kept in touch with her and her mother on and off ever since our divorce in 1982).

When she said what she said I offered her help with those "nightmares". No way. A flat refusal then and since. I would add that the LAST of those three encounters was the one which I, and... obviously HER, were "taken". Mine have never been remembered traumatically. Hers were.

OK... it's all relevant to that June 15th meeting! During the tape on John Mack someone tapped me on the knee! Asked "were you asleep?". NO... I WAS NOT! I was SURE of that! But I had little or no knowledge of what had been broadcast. The rest of that evening passed with a members non-stop recitation of his "ghost" encounters! We packed up. I asked Steve where was my tape and he said it was still in the machine as all he'd done was unplugged it. OK.

The next morning a group member had called in for a coffee and a chat. We discussed the evening as usual... Reminded me I had not put the tape back in it's case. I plugged in the recorder, opened it up... so WHERE was the tape? Tried both apertures... NOTHING! My friend felt around inside... still NOTHING! ! Remembered my strange "other reality" feeling . I had to wait all day until Steve had come home from work. He was astounded! NO, he had not touched the tape, just unplugged the machine.

Two weeks later I've been in touch with Radio Four... we need a copy... I NEED A COPY since I KNEW there was something on it that was IMPORTANT. We are in discussion with the radio authorities as well as the national media although we are aware of where their current interests lie.

Steve located a member somewhere who had a copy. He brought it over. We discussed the situation. He is aware of my experiences since childhood. Of life after death. Of the

efforts of those who have passed on to send the KNOWLEDGE and much much more to those here... You who may have heard my occasional talks, sometimes on radio and TV will know of my "encounters"... with not only UFOs and their occupants but with "ghosts", those who have passed on... even my "dead" wife who "died" in 1947 and re-appeared in broad daylight in 1982. I am no longer somewhat "careful" of speaking or writing about such things to the general public. So I await the next move in the mystery of the missing tape. I have now listened to John Mack and his abductees, etc who all speak THE TRUTH. I can relate to ALL they say. One young lady bemoans the apparent vanishing of the phenomena.

I can assure her "they" are still here! For instance... and I write this on August 9th... following the foregoing events must not forget the strange circle of "pinpricks" on my upper left arm that I suddenly discovered and displayed to two friends. About three inches across, it had a "tail" of three pinpricks. SHOULD have been painful or sore... it was not! No idea of where it had been done! I had better stop there, I think. Getting into the fields of that other reality, the links between that "other world" which I now believe are shared by different beings who have mastered some vary advanced "science" for want of a better word, on a path that we have somehow strayed off.

Ernie Sears...

Paranormal Story...

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